Reservation to OBCs in higher education

†3053. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to give reservation to OBCs in higher educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the names of such institutes which have been brought within the periphery of reservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) While no such decision has been taken, the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005 enables the State to make provisions by law in matters of admission, to all educational Institutions, for the weaker Sections of the Society, including the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

(b) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus

304. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to withdraw some NCERT text books from next session;

(b) if so, the names of text books and reasons for withdrawal;

(c) whether the National Minorities Commission has given its recommendation for withdrawal of these textbooks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NCERT conducts periodic review of syllabi and textbooks based on the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The NCF-2005 was approved in September, 2005. In consonance with NCF-2005 and revision of the syllabi based thereon, NCERT has introduced new textbooks for classes I, III, VI, IX and XI from the academic year 2006-07. These textbooks have replaced the textbooks prepared on the basis of National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE)-2000. Similarly, new textbooks for classes II,

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IV, VII, X and XII will be introduced from the academic year 2007-08 and for classes V and VIII from academic year 2008-09.

(c) and (d) The National Minorities Commission had forwarded certain objections raised by Sikh and Jain scholars in respect of certain passages in nine History textbooks of NCERT. Three textbooks, namely, "India and the World" for class VII by Seema Yadav, "Contemporary India" for class IX by Hari Om and "Modern India" for class XII by Satish Chandra Mittal were withdrawn with effect from 1st April, 2005 in pursuance to the recommendation of panel of three eminent historians constituted to review the NCERT History textbooks based on NCFSE-2000. Two textbooks, namely, "Ancient India" for class XI by R.S. Sharma and "Medieval India" for class XI by Satish Chandra have been replaced by a new textbook from the academic session 2006-07. Certain modifications have been carried out in the latest editions of four textbooks, namely, "Social Science (Part I)" for class VII by Romila Thaapar, "Social Science (Part-I)" for class VIII by Arjun Dev and Indira Arjun Dev, "Modern India" for class XII by Bipan Chandra and "Contemporary World History (Part-II)" for class XII by Arjun Dev.

Reservation for OBCs in professional courses

3055. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make reservation of seats in professional colleges for the students belonging to OBC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether reservation would be implemented from the current academic year and if not, from when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) While no such decision has been taken, the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005 enables the State to make provisions by Law in matters of admission to all educational Institutions for the weaker Sections of the Society, including the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.